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**Patents**

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,803,032, issued February 7, 1989, entitled "Method of Spot Embossing A Fibrous Sheet", to *Schulz*;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,093,068, issued March 3, 1992, entitled "Method of Producing Multi-Ply Embossed Fibrous Webs", to *Schulz*;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,328,565, issued July 12, 1994, entitled "Tissue Paper Having Large Scale, Aesthetically Discernible Patterns", of *Rasch et al.*;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,656,134, issued August 12, 1997, entitled "Biaxially Undulatory Tissue and Creping Process Using Undulatory Blade", of *Marinack et al.*; and
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,885,415, issued March 23, 1999, entitled "Biaxially Undulatory Tissue and Creping Process Using Undulatory Blade", to *Marinack et al.*.

**Publications**

1. WIPO Publication No. WO 96/18771, published June 20, 1996, entitled "Embossed Absorbent Paper Having Combined Patterns", of *Laurent et al.* and
2. EPO Publication No. 0 806 520 A, published November 12, 1997, entitled "Method of Making an Ultra Soft, High Basis Weight Tissue and Product Produced Thereby", of *Leege et al.*.

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		US. Patent 5,656,134	8/12/97	Marinack et al.	162	281	
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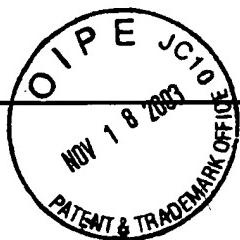
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